

Kettler Kapers

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Elated parents last week were David and Joni Vanderpool of 1839 Santa Fe St., for they now have an adorable little baby girl named Susan Marie. Records at San Pedro Community Hospital show that she arrived on March 3, weighing 6 pounds 3 ounces. The Vanderpools have two small sons, Michael, 2 1/2 years old, and Paul, 16 months old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Vanderpool of 1715 W. 235th St. May we add our congratulations!

A skating and slumber party was the way Carol Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Manning, of 1959 Reynosa Dr., celebrated her birthday last Friday. Jamie Jones, Marilyn Edwards, Carol Owens, Nancy Maxwell and Carol Lee spent the evening roller-skating at the Hippodrome skating rink in Long Beach. Following the fun at the "rink" the girls returned to the home of Carol Owens for a slumber party. Carol Lee's folks are the ones who have that busy service station at 228th and Sepulveda.

Those sighs of relief that you're hearing are from the parents of two small fry, Suzanne Wentz of Marinette St. and Norma Jean Walnwright of Reynosa Dr., who parted with their tonsils and adenoids last week. Both are doing fine and will soon be eating everything again.

Heard the other day that newly-engaged Diana Lee Davis of Middlebrook Rd. has chosen the first anniversary date of her closest girl-friend as her own wedding date—Oct. 13. Diana said: "We had always planned a double wedding, but things didn't work out that way last year, so at least we can have our anniversaries together." The wedding will take place in the new Western Ave. Baptist Church. It will be a busy and exciting time for Diana, her fiancé, Raymond Prettyman, and their parents, from now 'till the BIG DAY!

Has anyone seen "Ginger"? She's a black Toy Pomeranian dog owned by Mrs. Ethel Dawson of 23205 Western Ave., who wandered away from their home.

last week. Mrs. Dawson was desperately trying to find the dog in spite of the rain last Monday. Please phone her at Lomita 782-W if you have seen Ginger—she's greatly missed!

Of special interest was a field trip last week to the farm by Mrs. Benstead's afternoon kindergarten class at Torrance Elementary School. Several of the small youngsters who went were back all thrilled with having seen a real live cow, her calf, and other farm animals.

Do we have anyone from here running for any office in the coming city election? Why, yes, there's Ed Karlow of Middlebrook Rd., who is running for the office of councilman. We wish Ed lots of luck.

A date to remember is the Torrance Elementary PTA evening meeting on March 20 at 7:30 p. m., school auditorium. There will be a good speaker and also the 1952-53 election of officers. Try to go and represent your child's classroom—also hear of the wonderful things PTA does!

Passing out cigars this week is Don Miller of Kathy Way, whose wife Ann presented him with a 9 pound boy! They've named him Michael Edward and he was born at Torrance Memorial Hospital Sunday, March 16. He has a sister, Linda Lee, 2 1/2 years old and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marcoux and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Miller, all of Torrance. Our heartiest congratulations to this happy family.

Another little boy at the L. E. Shellhart residence on Falena street is Morgan Leslie, who was born March 13 at San Pedro Community Hospital weighing 6 pounds. His brother is 2-year-old Michael and grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Shellhart of 23314 Falena street. All reports state that mother and son are doing fine. Congratulations!

Sometimes when we women reach a certain age we like to forget which birthday it is we are having, but when friends

gather to wish us a happy day it makes us glad that there is such a thing as birthdays. Such was the case recently when Mrs. Sue Witz honored Mrs. Doris Ridenour on her birthday. She served cake and coffee to Betty Graybell, Lucille Tripplett, Alberta Gresham and Janie Huffman. Many happy returns, Doris.

Speaking of birthdays, it was a very special birthday for 4-year-old Duane Lyons last week. Not only did he have a party but he had both grandmothers there to help make the occasion super. He's the son of Keith and Barbara Lyons who live at 23109 Huber St. Besides his sister Carolyn there were Janie Ridenour, Beverly Gresham, Howard and Robbie Graybell, George Witz, grandmother Mrs. Hazel Lewis of Harbor City, and Mrs. Florence Lyons of San Pedro, who enjoyed an exciting birthday cake with circus animals on it, candy and ice cream. Little man, you had a busy day!

Friends and neighbors of Mrs. Iris Duncan were as excited as she was last Tuesday night, a week ago, when she heard a recording of her husband's voice on Long Beach radio station KFOK. He had been interviewed in Korea by a war correspondent and told of his work, which was the handling of a platoon of men doing demolition work. Mrs. Dunham and her son, "Sonny," had their ears glued to the radio and we don't blame them. It's been a year since he left with the 40th Division. He won't be too long till he'll be home.

It sure is fun to get acquainted with new neighbors and extend a hand of welcome—these came from Bakersfield and hope to make Torrance their permanent home. They have two lovely daughters, Ingrid and Midgie, who go to Torrance Elementary School. He is employed at Paul's Chevrolet. Got your curiosity aroused? It's Kitty and Herb Walsberg that we are talking about and they have moved into 1833 Reynosa Dr.

We were sorry to see the Clabbers leave, but our loss was also our gain, for the Applines, who bought the house on Huber St., are a fine family and we'd like to extend them a hearty welcome. Tom and Margaret with daughters Joann and Linda formerly lived on Andreo. By the way, Margaret is a local girl having graduated from good old Torrance High. We hope you enjoy being one of us as much as we enjoy having you.

Dinner guests at the Gordon Jones' home last Friday night were MSgt. and Mrs. John McDonald and family, who have returned to the states from Hawaii where they had resided for the past three years. The McDonalds will leave for Warren Air Force base, Wyoming this week as Sgt. McDonald will instruct Air Corps reservists at his new assignment. A pleasant evening was spent reviewing the McDonalds' colorful scrapbooks devoted to Hawaiian life.

There were many Kettlerites viewing the fashion show at the auditorium last night, but if you were unable to be there, there is another fashion show coming up next week. It's to be at the Nativity parish hall on Cota Ave. Thursday, March 27 at 12:30 p.m. Dessert tea, door prizes and entertainment will be furnished. If you don't already have your ticket, they can be obtained at

Puppy's Okay But Its Owner Appeals Lost

Some where in this town today there is a young boy or girl and a young Cocker puppy that are wishing they could get back together again. We know where the pup is, but we think the owner is lost. The young pup, about six to eight months old, is at the home of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, 1618 Anapola Ave. He's mostly black (the pup, not the city clerk) with a couple of small spots of white and brown here and there. If the owner can tell Bartlett where the spots are located to thus identify the dog, he can come claim it.

Week-end guests at the home of Carmen and Jay Nielsen were Sgt. and Mrs. L. W. Huling and children from March Field, Sunnyvale.

Don't forget—PTA meeting at Torrance Elementary School tonight, 7:30 o'clock.

Torrance Man Named Commander Of New Air Wing Supply Group

An announcement released today from the Los Angeles area's Air Reserve headquarters in Compton states that a Torrance man, Bradford B. Bryan, of 3233 Opal St., has been appointed commanding officer of the Supply Group of the recently activated 942d Air Depot Wing (Reserve). Bryan holds the rank of full colonel in the U. S. Air Force Reserve.

Colonel Bryan, West Coast purchasing representative for American Airlines in civilian life, will be chief over approximately 1000 officers and airmen when the peak strength of the wing is attained. His materiel responsibility is over what is described as "five times more items than there are in the standard Sears-Roebuck catalog."

The 942d Air Depot Wing (Reserve) while not an active duty organization, is a vital part of the new Air Force Reserve build-up. Realizing that the most economical way of insuring our nation's security lies in a build-up of reserve military strength, the Air Force has set a goal of 1,000,000 trained reservists to add to the country's military potential.

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